

REMARKS

Request for Reconsideration

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

Claims Status

Claims 1-21 are pending in this Application.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended herein to recite that the aluminum compound uses a coagulation agent and that the coagulated particles are washed so as to reduce the amount of coagulation agent in the toner. Support for this amendment can be found on page 7, lines 14-18.

It will also be noted that Claim 1 has been amended to delete the language previously added concerning that the crystalline ester is uniformly included in the toner particle.

The amendment made to Claims 1 and 11 herein, namely, that the aluminum compound uses coagulation agent and that the coagulated particles were washed to reduce the coagulation agent

was, in essence, suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action dated April 5, 2007 wherein he stated "Applicant can overcome the above rejection by stating the aluminum compound acts as a coagulation agent which is subsequently removed by washing...".

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that, based on the Examiner's position in the Office Action and the amendments made to Claims 1 and 11 herein, that the claims of the present Invention are patentable over the cited references.

Prior Art Rejection

Claims 1-21 have been rejected as being unpatentable over a combination of Tan, Matsushima, Hagi and Matsumoto.

Applicants note that they perfected their claim for priority and that this priority date is prior to the effective date of Matsumoto. Thus, Matsumoto is not valid Prior Art.

Turning to Tan, Matsushima and Hagi, it is submitted that neither one of these references teach nor suggest the use of an aluminum compound as a coagulation agent and the washing of the coagulated particles to reduce the coagulation agent.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now patentable over the cited references taken alone or in combination.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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